

HOW WELL DO PM AND METEOROLOGICAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS QUANTIFY MASS CONCENTRATIONS, PARTICLE SIZES, CHEMICAL COMPONENTS AND METEOROLOGICAL FEATURES?

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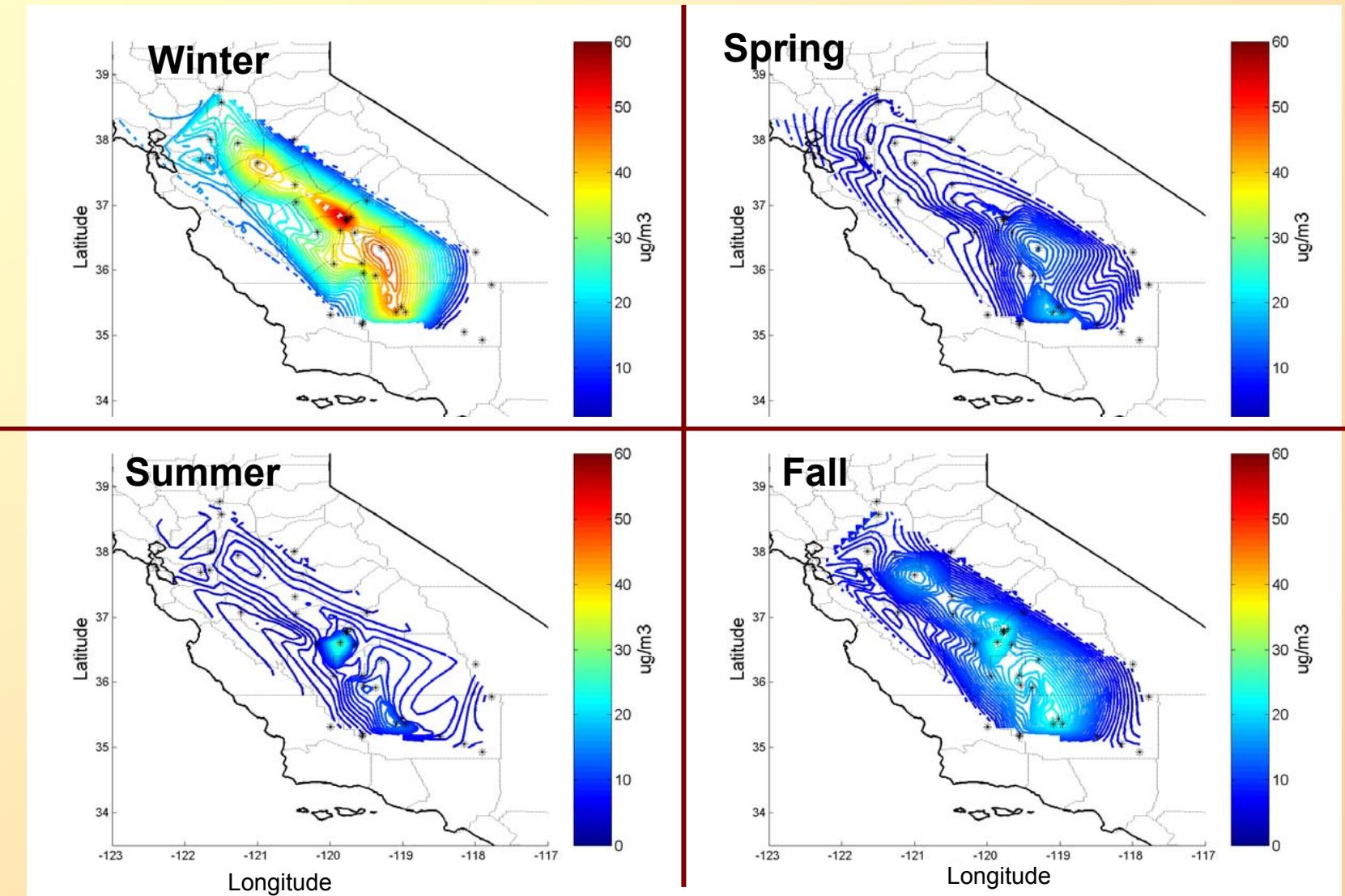
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Good comparability for most PM_{2.5} Measurement

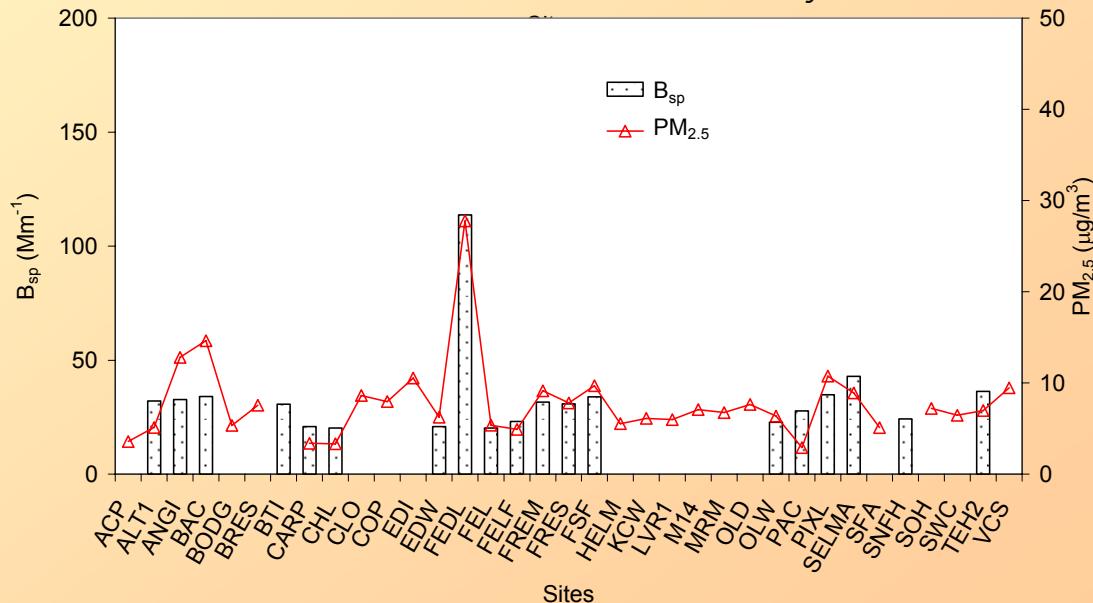
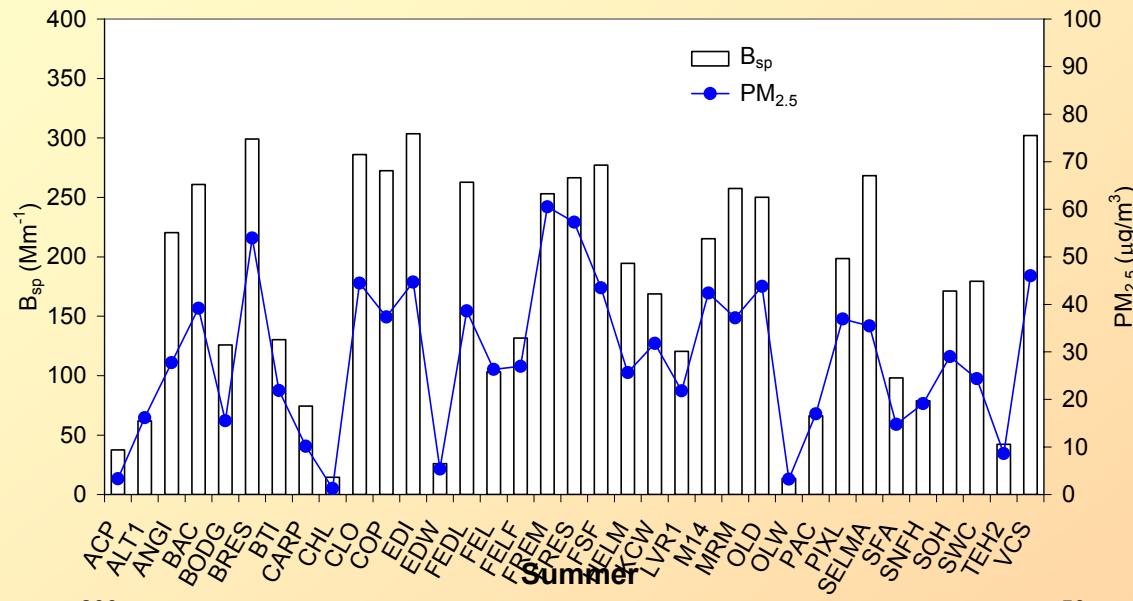
| Sampler Code | Model | Manufacturer ^a | Size | FRM ^b | FEM ^c | Principle |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| AN100 | RAAS 100 | Andersen | PM _{2.5} | yes | - | Gravimetric |
| AN300 | RAAS 300 | Andersen | PM _{2.5} | yes | - | Gravimetric |
| RP2K | R&P 2000 | Rupprecht & Patashnick | PM _{2.5} | yes | - | Gravimetric |
| RP225 | R&P 2025 | Rupprecht & Patashnick | PM _{2.5} | yes | - | Gravimetric |
| AN400 | RAAS 400 | Andersen | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Gravimetric |
| M1ST | SASS Speciation Sampler | Met One | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Gravimetric |
| DICHOTF | SA-246B | Andersen | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Gravimetric |
| SFS | Sequential Filter Sampler | DRI | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Gravimetric |
| MINIVOL25 | MiniVol Portable | Airmetrics | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Gravimetric |
| MOUDI | Model 100 | MSP | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Gravimetric |
| BAM25 | BAM-1020 | Met One | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Beta Attenuation |
| TEOM25 | TEOM 1400a | Rupprecht & Patashnick | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Inertial Mass |
| DUSTTRAK | DustTrak 8520 | TSI | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Light Scattering |
| GREENTEK | GT640A | GreenTek | PM _{2.5} | no | no | Light Scattering |
| RAD25 | M903 (nephelometer) | Radiance Research | PM _{2.5} | - | - | Light Scattering |
| RAD | M903 (nephelometer) | Radiance Research | TSP | - | - | Light Scattering |
| HIVOL10V | GMW-1200 | Andersen | PM ₁₀ | yes | - | Gravimetric |
| MINIVOL10 | MiniVol Portable | Airmetrics | PM ₁₀ | no | no | Gravimetric |
| BAM10 | BAM-1020 | Met One | PM ₁₀ | no | yes | Beta Attenuation |
| TEOM10 | TEOM 1400a | Rupprecht & Patashnick | PM ₁₀ | no | yes | Inertial Mass |

Seasonal Variations of PM_{2.5}

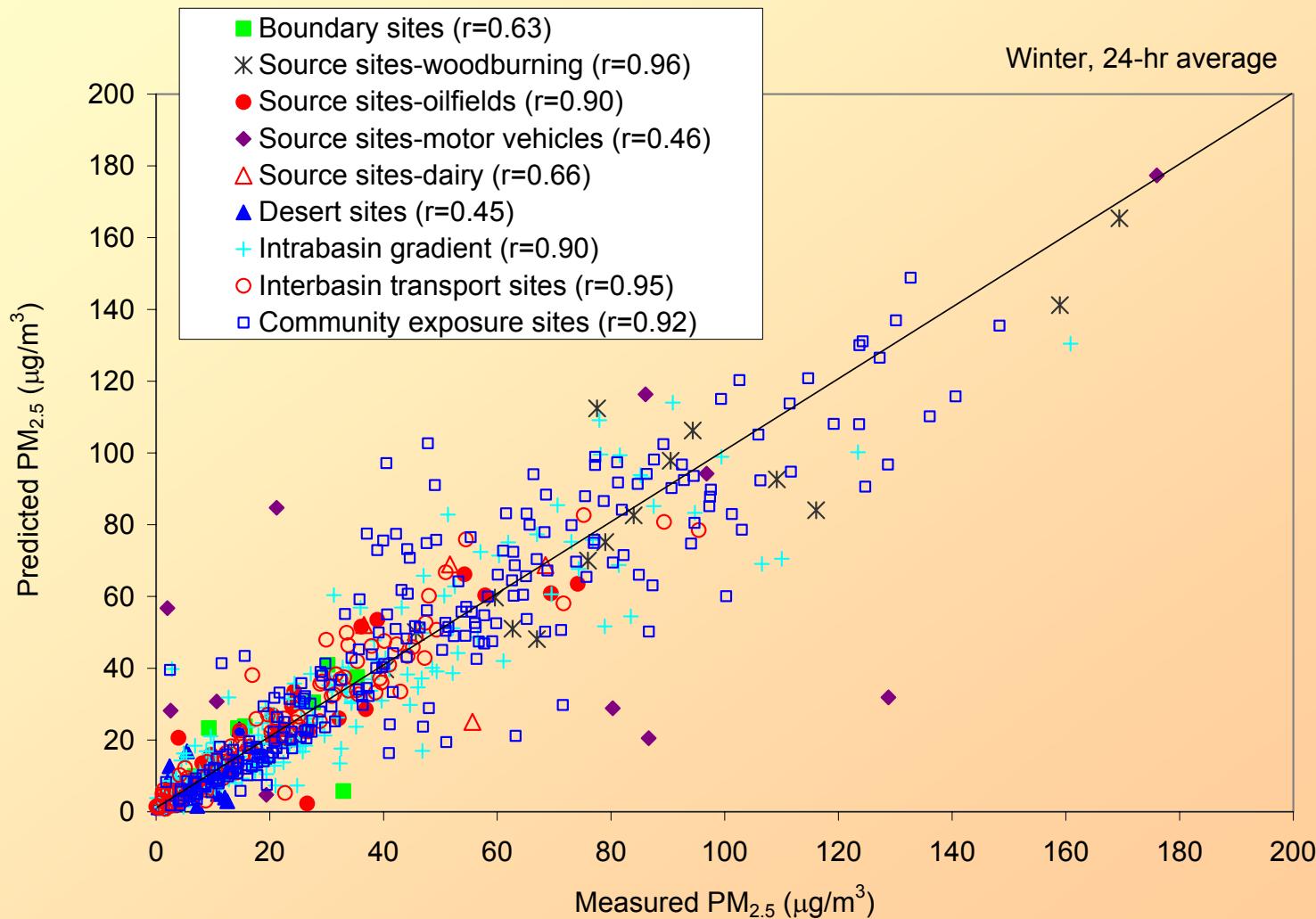


Good relationships between bscat and PM_{2.5}

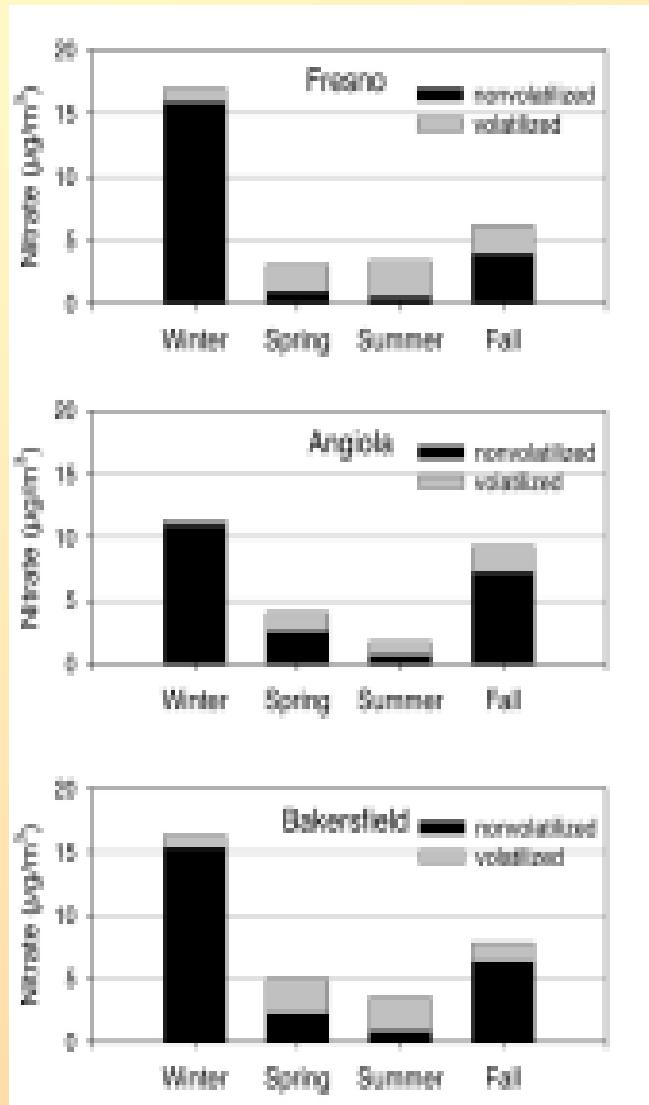
Winter



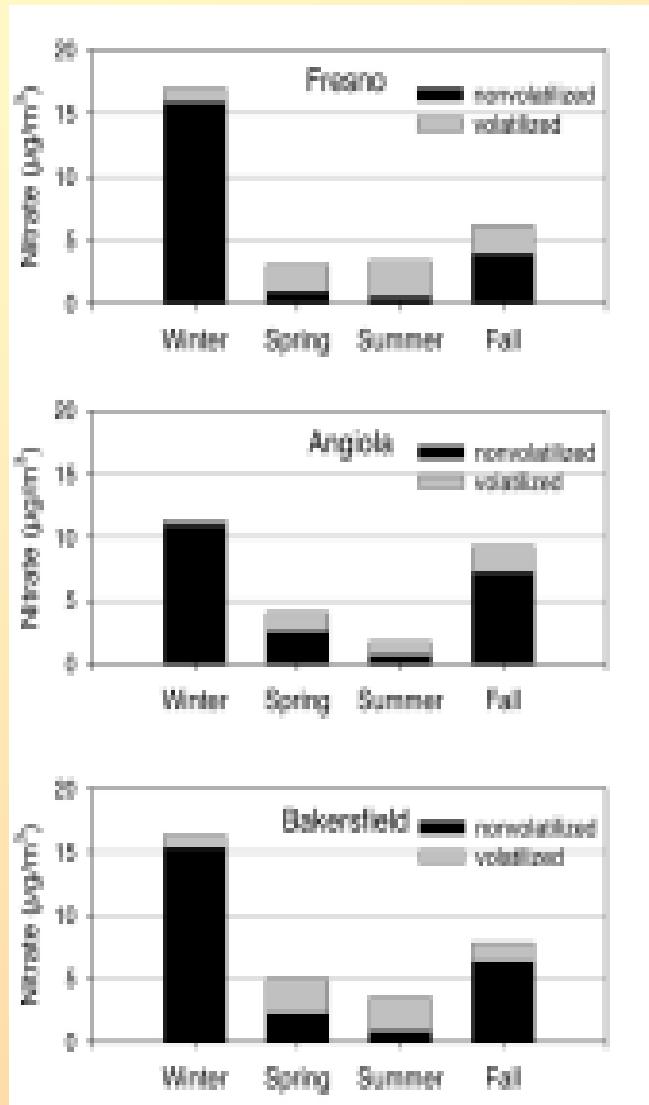
Bscat/PM2.5 relationship better by site type and in winter (low coarse, more data)



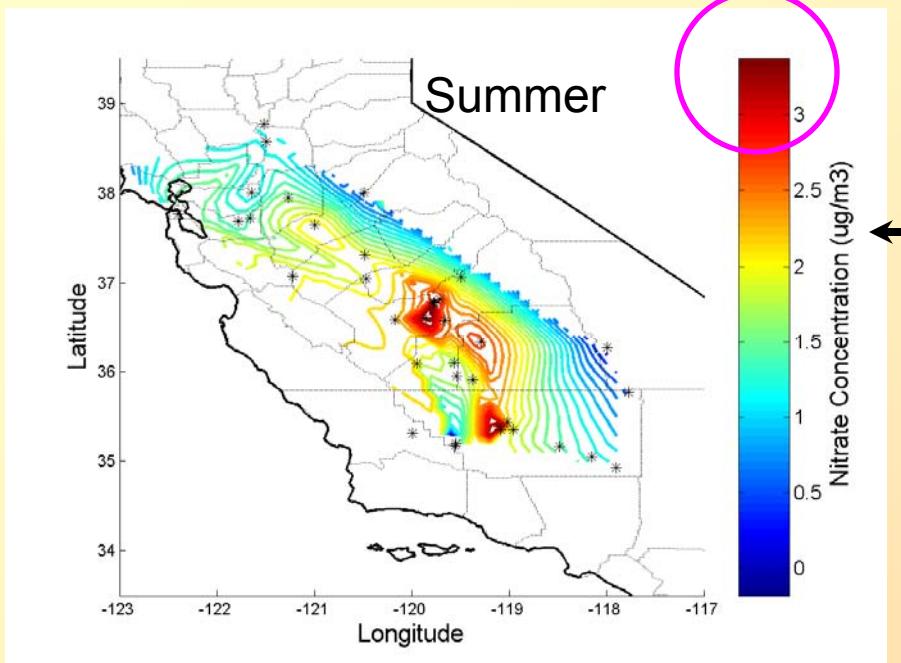
Nitrate and FRM PM_{2.5} well-quantified during winter. Much lost in summer



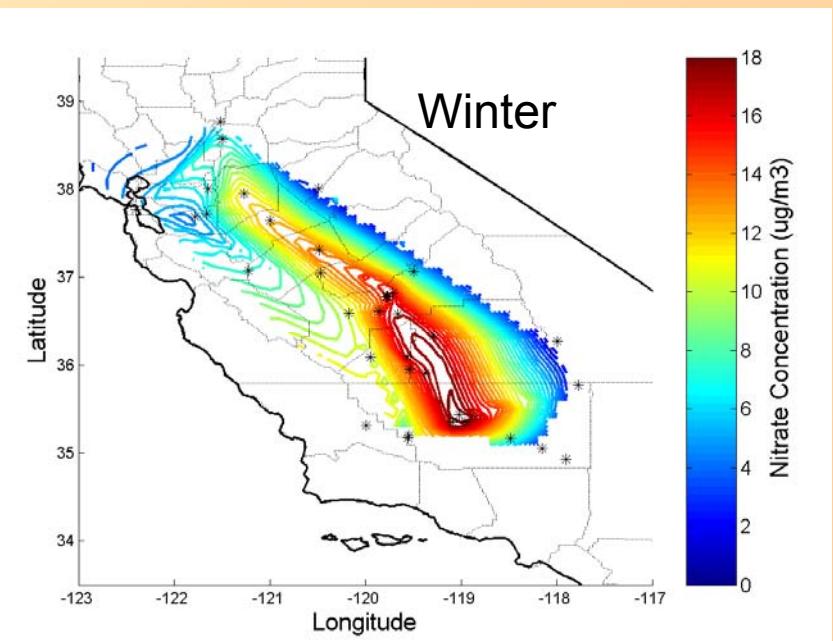
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Variation of Nitrate (NO_3^-)

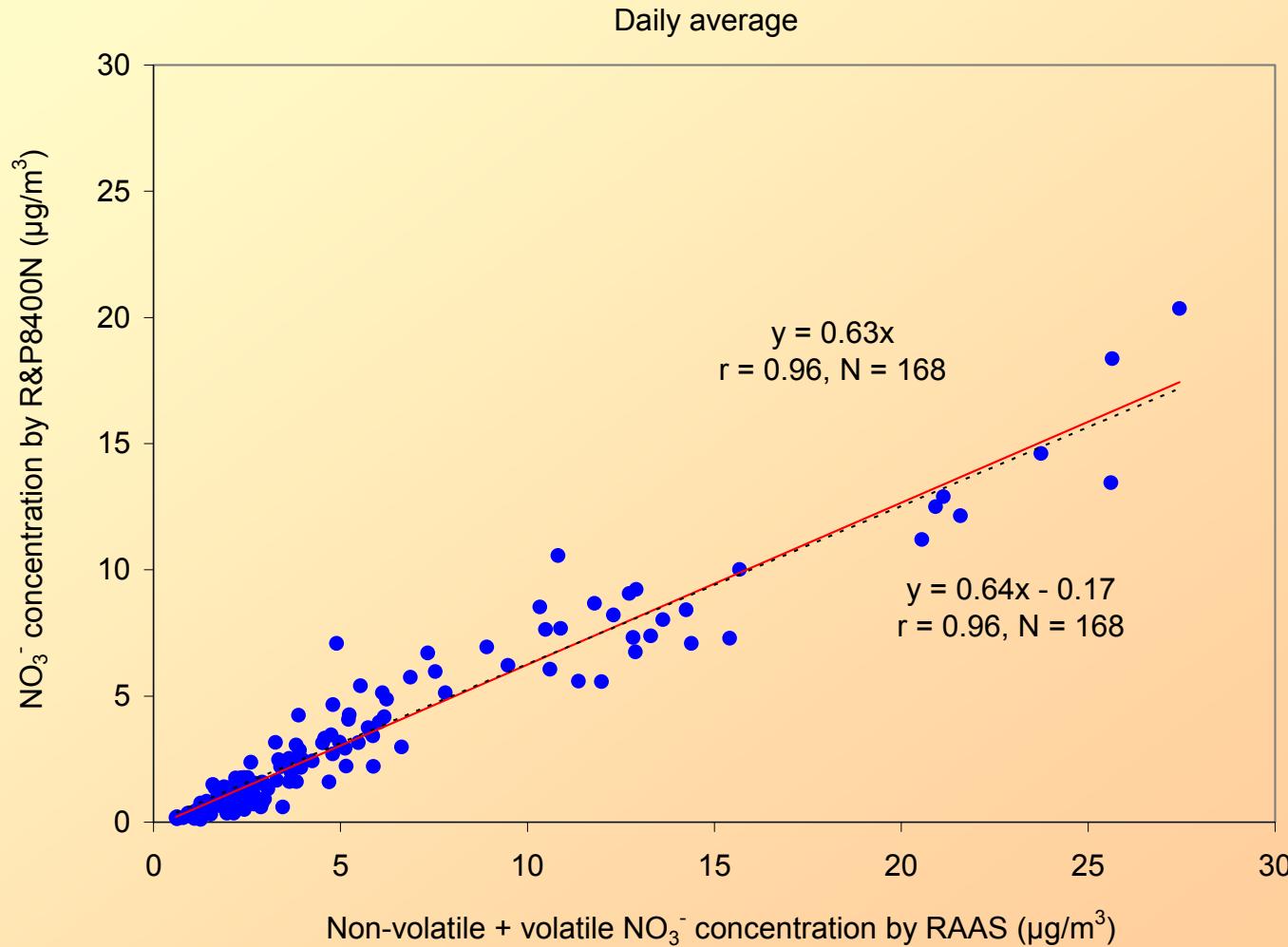


- Low NO_3^- found in summer (<3.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
(Note: different scales)
- Nitrate centered at urban areas.

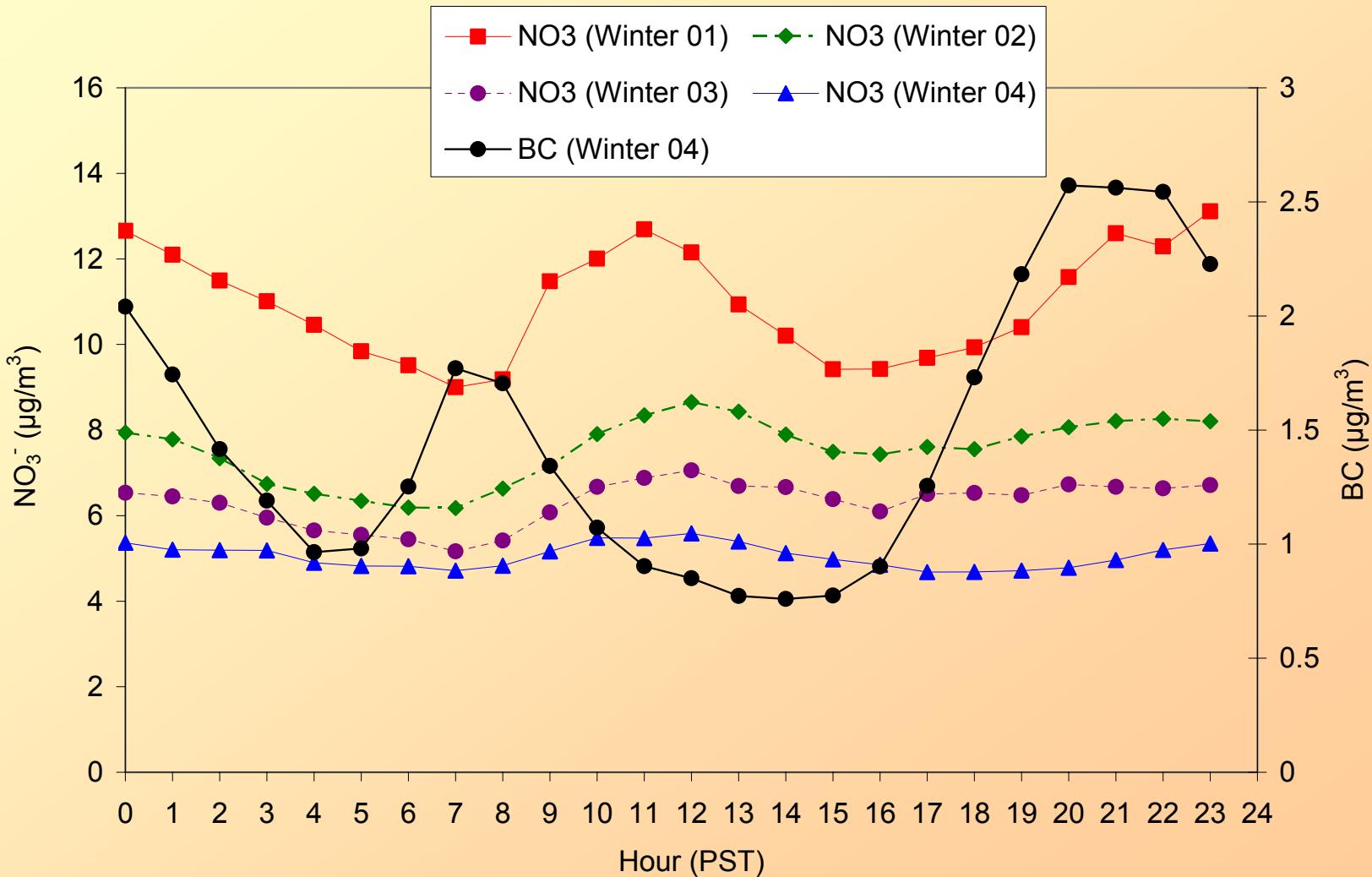


- High NO_3^- found in winter.
- Elevated NO_3^- found in rural areas between urban centers.

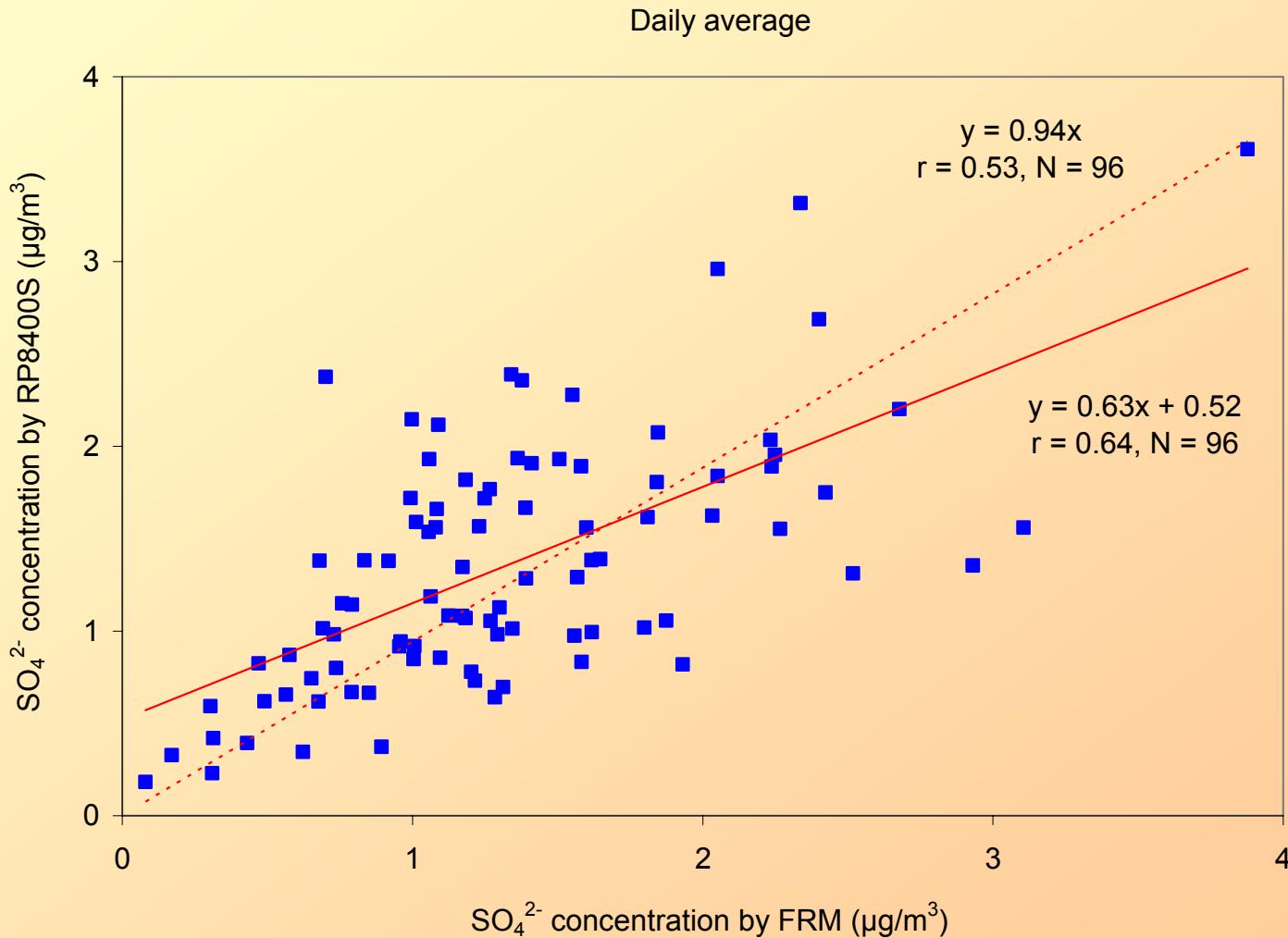
Continuous nitrate biased low, but consistent with filter nitrate



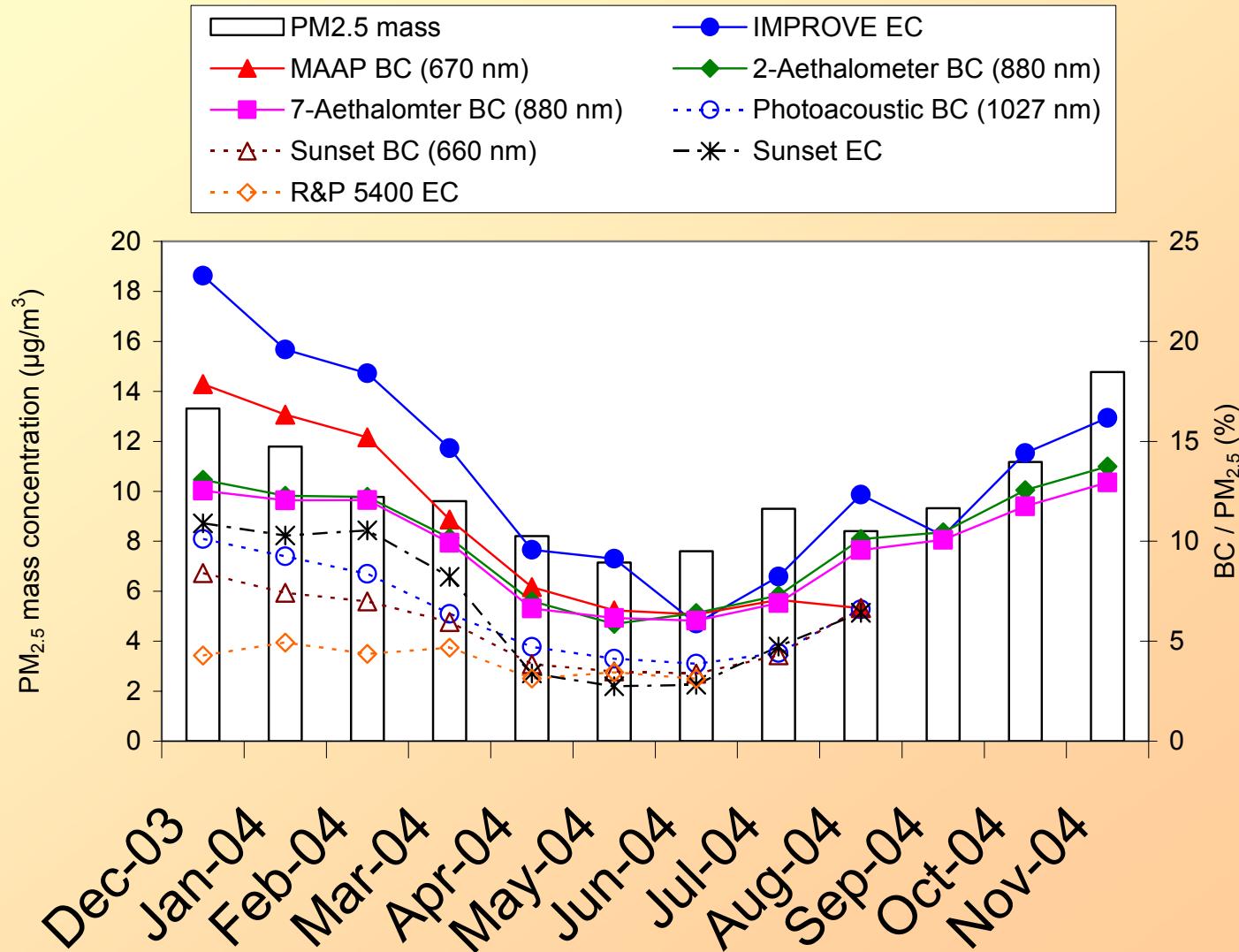
Continuous nitrate sufficient to detect vertical mixing phenomenon



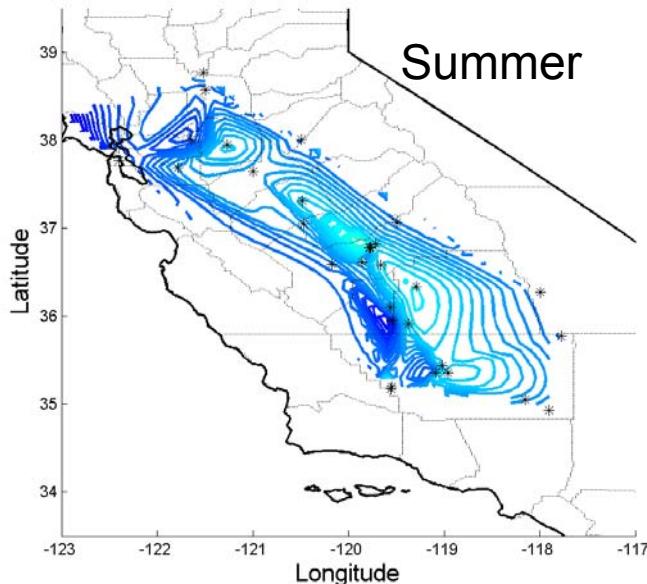
Continuous sulfate not as well related to filter measurements



Total carbon comparable (except for RP5400), EC varies by detection method.

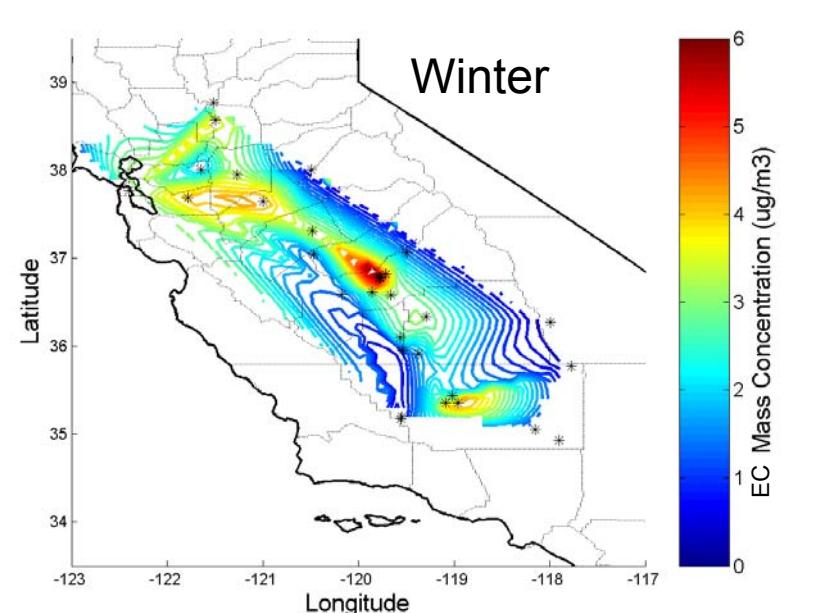


Variation of Elemental Carbon (EC)

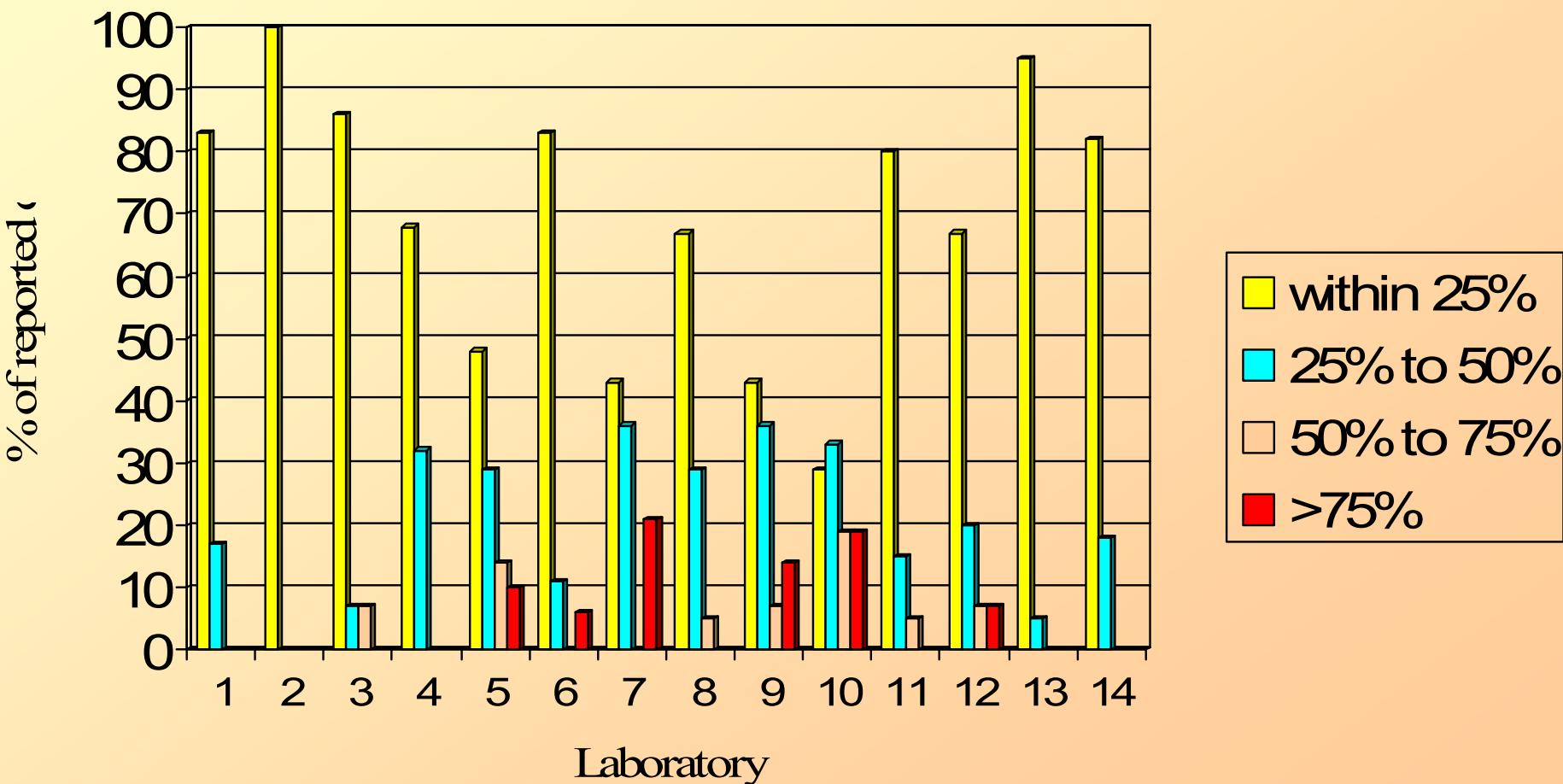


- Elevated EC found near the Fresno Supersite and Bakersfield. Rural sites show limited summer-winter contrast.

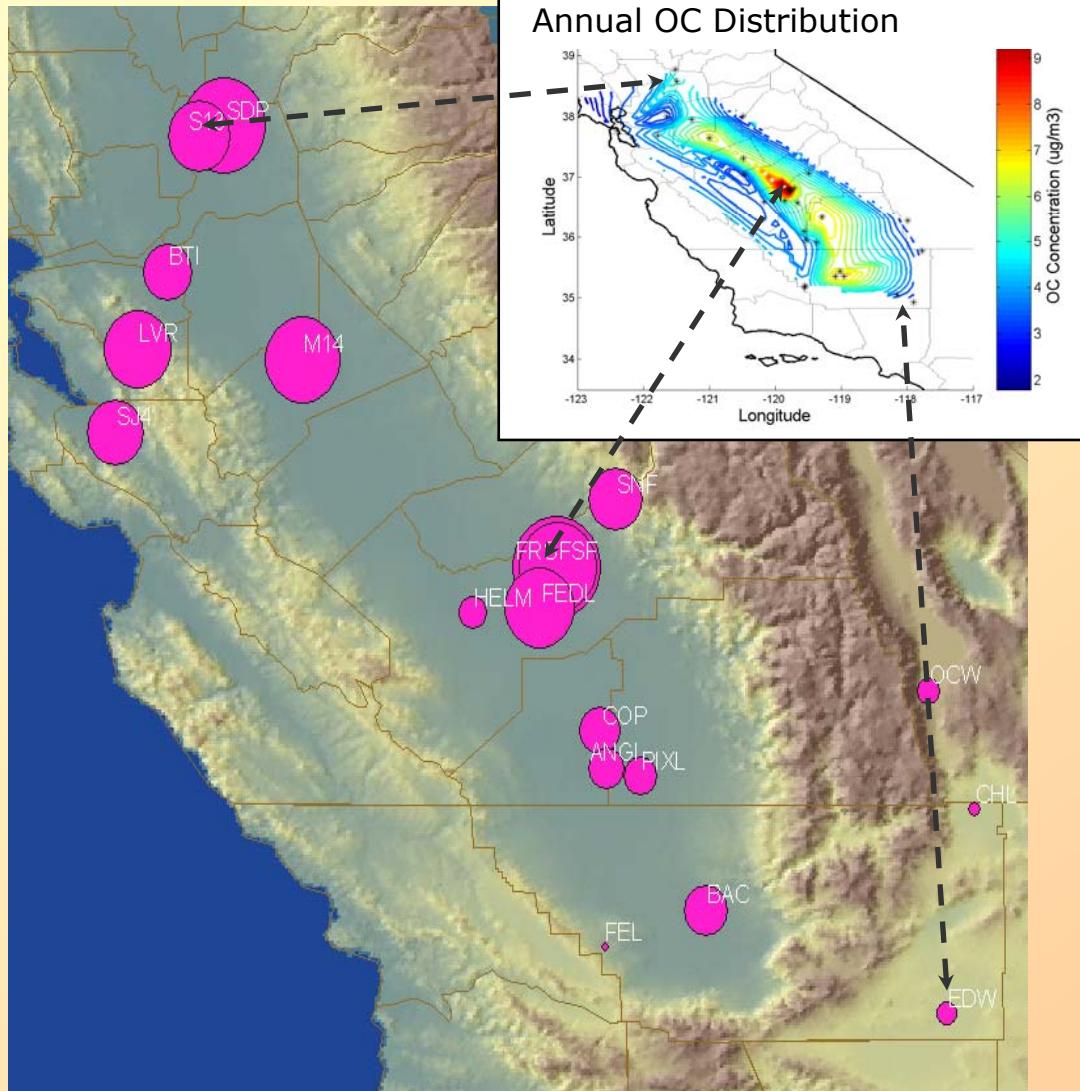
- Higher EC around urban centers.



Interlaboratory comparisons not too good for organic compounds (Supersite meeting, Schantz et al, 1C-1)



Distribution of Levoglucosan, a Wood-Burning Marker, Compared to OC Distribution



| | Annual Avg | Winter Avg* |
|------|------------|-------------|
| FEL | 6 | 26 |
| CHL | 7 | 32 |
| YOSE | 9 | 38 |
| EDW | 12 | 52 |
| OCW | 14 | 58 |
| HELM | 19 | 81 |
| PIXL | 19 | 82 |
| ANGI | 23 | 98 |
| COP | 32 | 138 |
| BAC | 49 | 209 |
| BTI | 50 | 215 |
| SNF | 57 | 244 |
| SJ4 | 58 | 247 |
| S13 | 63 | 269 |
| LVR | 68 | 291 |
| FEDL | 75 | 323 |
| M14 | 101 | 433 |
| FRS | 121 | 521 |
| SDP | 128 | 551 |
| FSF | 202 | 868 |

* Predicted concentration based on mass concentration measurements

Meteorological data quality summary

- Surface network OK, CIMIS, NWS, and PG&E nonstandard heights. ARB and Bay area best. RAWS are more for local rather than regional analyses. Some CIMIS wind vanes mis-aligned by up to 30 degrees.
- Surface spatial coverage is very good.
- Sonics on tower out of alignment, but agree with mechanicals when 230 degrees added. Mounted upside down. 97 m sonic not good. Good comparability with mechanical.
- Sodars had poor return at lowest levels at Angiola. Agreed well at 100 m.
- Rawinsondes have slow response time for T and RH. Not too good for short distances, e.g. surface vs. valleywide transition.

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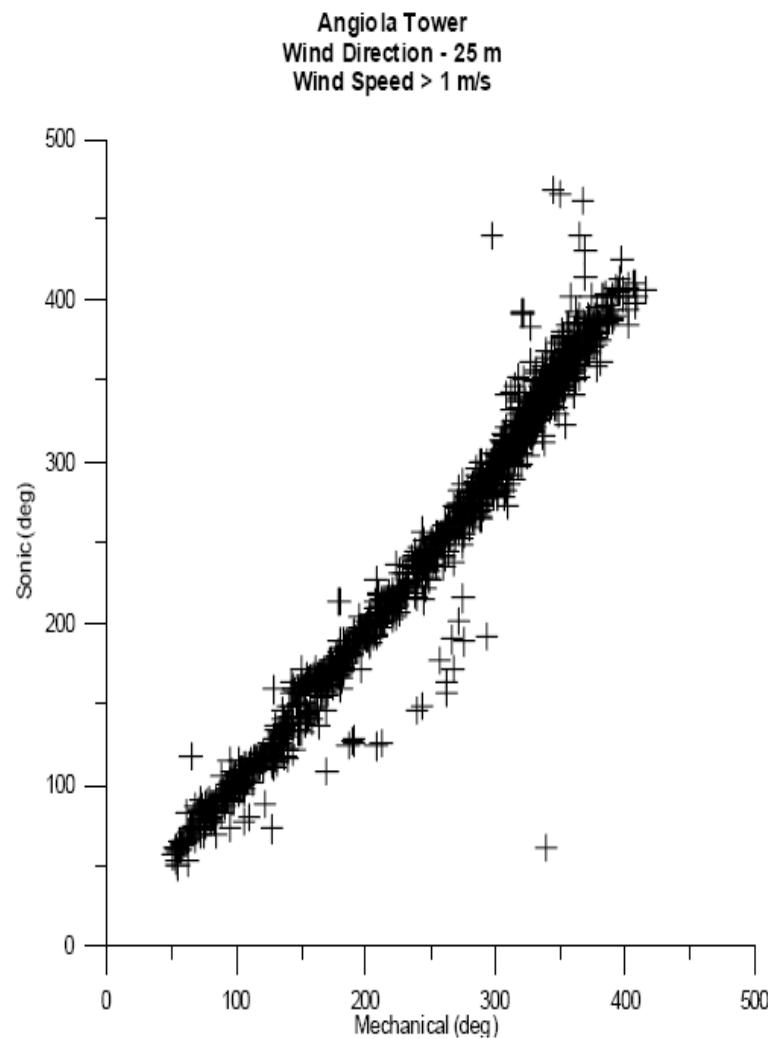
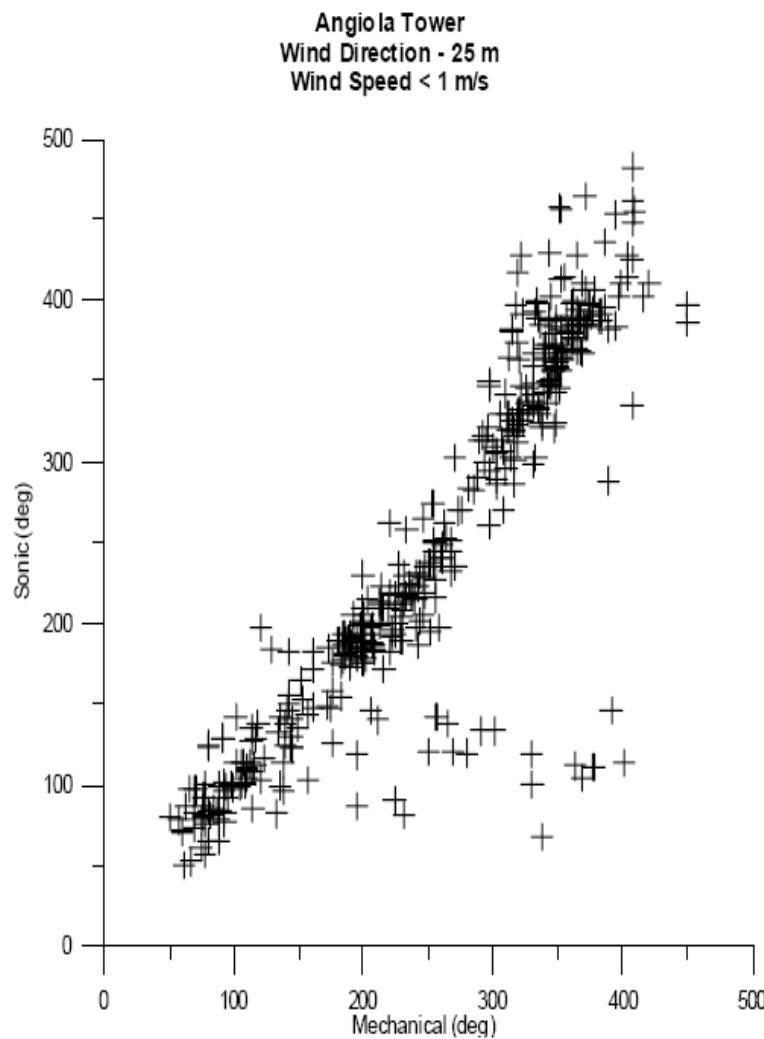
- RASS not good < 100 m, but appear to sufficiently capture changes in the valleywide layer.
Reasaonable comparisons with audit rawinsondes, considering limitations of both methods.
- Hourly averages appear to adequately represent vector directions and speeds for shorter time periods (5 min).
- RH are sufficient to estimate locations and frequency of fogs (RH>95%).
- Profilers can detect light winds aloft.

CIMIS comparison with ARB and NOAA

Table 4. Comparison of CIMIS (2-m) vs. NOAA (10-m) "Collocated" Wind Measurements

| | | vs. ARB (1mph resolution) | | | vs. NOAA | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|------------|------------|
| | | Arvin | Davis | Parlier | Lost Hills | Chowchilla |
| Distance between sites (km) | | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 13.6 | 11.1 |
| WS < 1 m/s | Wind Speed | | | | | |
| | Correlation | 0.5514 | 0.5343 | 0.4808 | 0.0380 | 0.3019 |
| | Slope | 0.287 | 0.247 | 0.215 | 0.083 | 0.141 |
| | Intercept (m/s) | 0.39 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.88 | 0.43 |
| | Wind Direction | | | | | |
| | Correlation | 0.9224 | 0.9313 | 0.9257 | 0.8385 | 0.8716 |
| | Slope | 1.045 | 0.991 | 1.114 | 1.074 | 1.047 |
| | Intercept (deg) | -39.1 | -7.3 | -53.1 | -12.6 | -16.4 |
| | | | | | | |
| WS >= 1 m/s | Wind Speed | | | | | |
| | Correlation | 0.7891 | 0.9724 | 0.9418 | 0.6472 | 0.9401 |
| | Slope | 0.619 | 0.799 | 0.718 | 0.635 | 0.730 |
| | Intercept (m/s) | 0.35 | 0.18 | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.24 |
| | Wind Direction | | | | | |
| | Correlation | 0.9910 | 0.9932 | 0.9983 | 0.9346 | 0.9770 |
| | Slope | 1.055 | 0.995 | 1.013 | 1.024 | 1.009 |
| | Intercept (deg) | -32.0 | -0.1 | -28.6 | 0.4 | -11.8 |
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Sonic vs. mechanical wind direction, after corrections



Sodar OK at 100 m

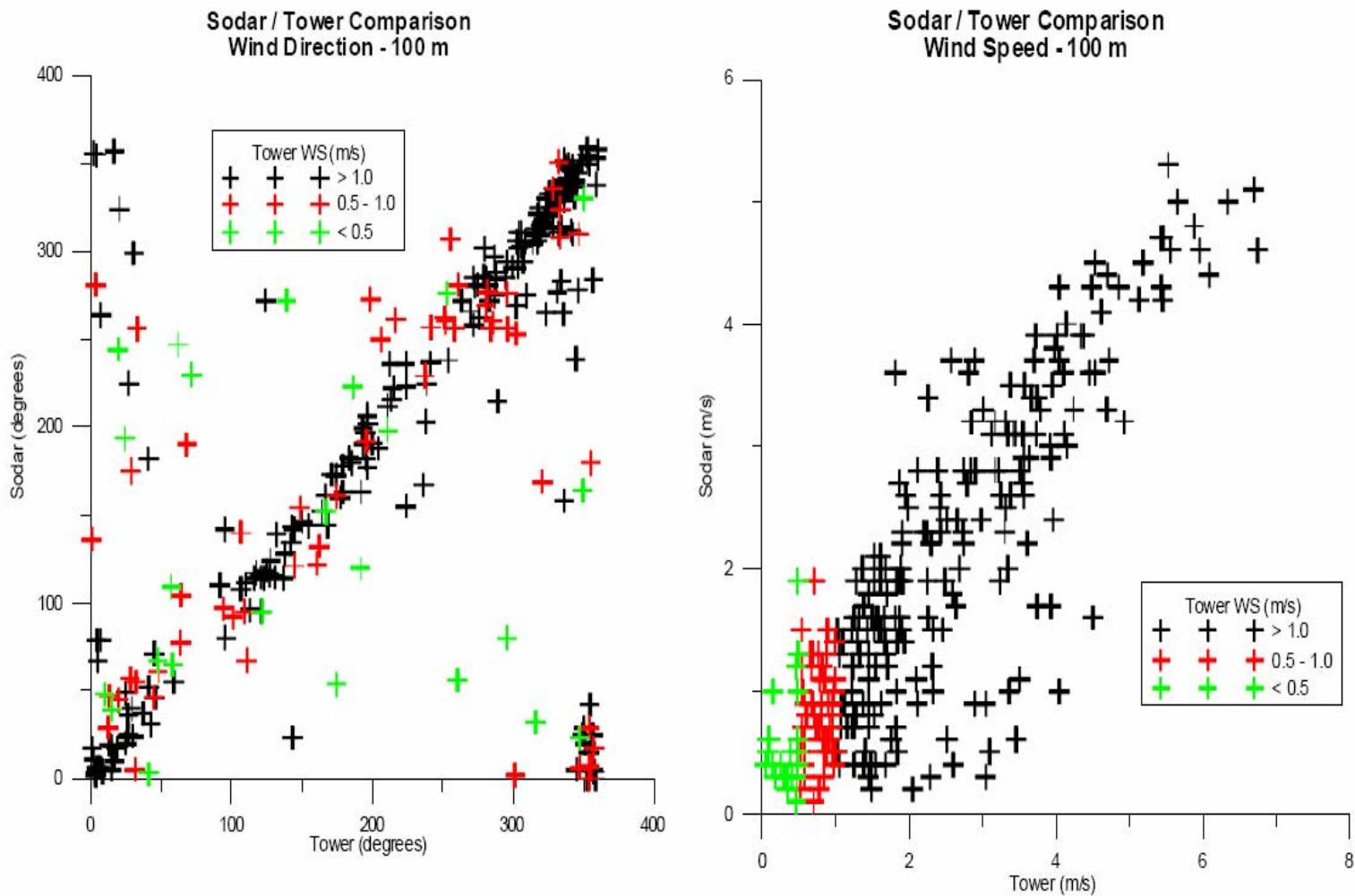


Figure 2. Comparison of sodar and tower (mechanical sensors) wind data – December 14 – 31, 2000.

CRPAQS measurement evaluation studies

- Measurement evaluations did a good job of determining how well measurement systems did or didn't work.
- With a few exceptions, measurements appear adequate to determine general features, test conceptual models, and to serve as input and to evaluate air quality modeling.
- There are individual times and locations where data are compromised, but this is evident from similar measurements at the same or nearby sites. The network is redundant.
- Given that many of the measurement methods were new and innovative, a broader perspective is needed on their overall accuracy and precision relevant to central